

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Both order slip 5 forwarded from user terminal 1 via network 3 like the Internet for example to Web server 2 providing online shopping services and
5 order confirmation slip 6 forwarded from Web server 2 to user terminal 1 to confirm receipt of order slip 5, are monitored by settlement system 4 of a communication common carrier providing communication services to user terminal 1 which carrier acts in substitute for collecting communication charges or are detected through being relayed. Settlement system 4 collects
10 payment (8) from user terminal 11 by invoicing user terminal 11 for online shopping charges only in respect of transactions for which the requisite pair of order slip 5 and order confirmation slip 6 are prepared together with communication charges when invoicing user terminal 11 for communication charges and pays the appropriate amount therefrom to Web server 2 (7).

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